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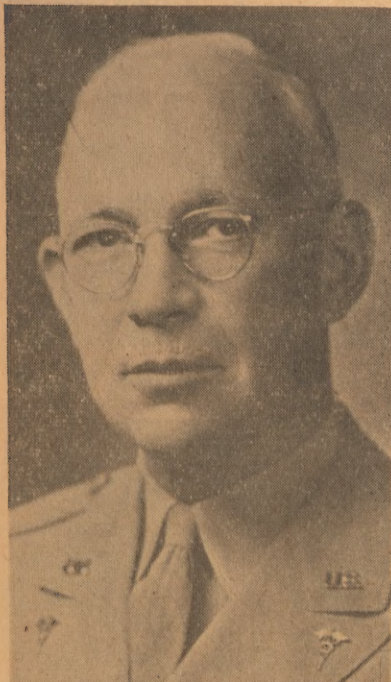
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## COL. P. E. DUGGINS



### "Today Peace Is Ours"

Col. Duggins, commanding officer of McGuire was the principal speaker for the special peace celebration ceremony staged in front of the hospital last Wednesday morning.

Broadcast over Station WRVA, the services also included invocation and prayer by Major Edward W. Eanes, chaplain patient from overseas, "The Lord's Prayer," sung by McGuire patient Lt. Russell Hersey; hymns sung by the WAC choir and audience of almost 3,000 patients and duty personnel. Music by the McGuire Band and "Taps" by duet trumpeters of the band.

The brief but forceful speech by Commanding Officer Duggins was

the highlight of the services.

"Today Peace is ours," said the Colonel, reverently. "May God grant our leaders the wisdom to so insure this peace that eventually all peoples will live in liberty and freedom, with the right to pursue happiness according to their dictates.

"If this wisdom be given our leaders, our dead will not have died in vain.

"Another war, with all its destructive forces and hatreds, may see the human race effaced from this universe. May our compassionate Father, in all His infinite wisdom, prevent the occurrence of another war.

"We believe in our way of living . . . we believe in freedom, liberty and the right to happiness for all peoples," concluded Col. Duggins.

## McGuire Civilians Stick to Jobs Despite Holiday

Despite President Truman's reported proclamation of last Tuesday evening that all Federal civilian employees would have a two-day holiday beginning Wednesday, Aug. 15, the civilian employees at McGuire reported for work as usual on Wednesday morning.

Of the more than one thousand employees at McGuire, only eleven were AWOL. Twenty-nine were absent because of illness, and five were on leave.

"We believed we should be on the job today—of all days—to care for the patients here who have given so much to make this peace possible," was the consensus of opinion of McGuire civilian workers.

## 3rd Service Champ WAC Play-Offs Staged at McGuire

### Patient in Ward 8 To Receive Congressional Medal

S-Sgt. Robert E. Laws, Infantryman of Altoona, Pa., has been notified by the Adjutant General's office that he has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, for outstanding heroism far beyond the call of duty, in the Pacific Theatre.

The 24-year old recipient of the Nation's highest accolade for bravery will report to Washington on Tuesday, August 21. A military escort will accompany Laws to the White House where President Truman himself will award the Medal.

## Suggestion Pays Off to Tune of \$175

The highest cash award ever to have been paid at McGuire for a Suggestion Box contribution is the \$175 prize to be split between Messrs. James M. Seivert and Bonnie Stone of McGuire Laundry.

Seivert, laundry superintendent, and Stone, laundry maintenance man, suggested and built a gadget for rolling the important "ace" type elastic bandages without loss of their elasticity.

The "ace" bandage is made of soft, porous weave cotton material possessing elastic quality, but containing no rubber. Since these bandages lose elasticity if hung, they have been heretofore dried on a flat surface and then rolled by hand.

The Seivert-Stone gadget combines these processes in one at a saving of 215.5 man hours per week, or an annual saving of \$6,000. And the gadget also lengthens the life of these bandages that are so important to an amputee hospital for they are best for bandaging stumps.

It is believed that the construction and use of these gadgets at other installations will result in an annual saving of many thousands of dollars.

Among other suggestions that have paid off well is that of former patient S/Sgt. Albert Rosenbaum, now in Honolulu. He is now reaping the reward of his December suggestion about the simplification of the 3-day pass form. His award—a 3-day pass—chased him for many miles as he left the hospital before the suggestion was selected by the Committee. But it caught up with him in Honolulu.

Dear Lt. White:

Thank you for accepting my suggestion, submitted while I was a patient in your hospital.

I hope that I'll be able to utilize the welcome 3-day pass the Committee awarded—at Waikiki Beach!

Thanks, again,

S/SGT. ALBERT ROSENBAUM.

Recent \$5 award was that given to civilian nurse Mrs. Mary N. Nauman for her suggestion that laundry stick pins be used on rolled ace bandages to keep them intact until used; and the same amount awarded to junior medical technician Miss Irene L. Cannon, for her suggestion that bandages be folded by ward Wacs and civilians on the 11 p. m. to 7:30 a. m. shift.

The Third Service Command WAC softball title tilt will be staged on the new McGuire softball diamond on Monday, August 23, and Tuesday, August 24, afternoons and evenings.

Entries from the four districts of the command will compete in round-robin playoffs for the coveted 3rd Service Command trophy.

Probable entries will be the champ teams from Camp Pickett, Hampton Roads POE, Indiantown Gap MI, and Edgewood Arsenal.

Each entry will be tops in the district it represents, so picking the probable winner is anybody's guess at this point.

In fact, some of the players are so evenly matched that every advantage will lie with the team that takes advantage of every break and makes every point count. A pitcher's battle is predicted by some of the fans who have seen the Wacs play.

Two games will be played each afternoon and one at night, with the big finale title bout slated for Tuesday night.

Housing and mess facilities for the competing WAC teams will be provided by the hospital, and Special Services officer Lt. John Bernam

has announced that a reception celebration will be held on Tuesday evening after the final game.

An open air moonlight dance on the basketball court to the music of the McGuire Band will be featured.

Eddie Weaver and his "eager beavers" have also planned something out of this world in the way of special entertainment.

The visiting Wacs, will be of course, the guests of honor, and McGuire patients and military duty personnel are invited to cheer the winners to championship and enjoy the follow-up festivities.

## Post Gym Closed Until August 22

The gym will be closed until next Wednesday, August 22, it was announced today by Special Services Officer Lt. John Berman.

Painting and the installation of new equipment to ready the gym for the fall and winter indoor sports season are the reasons for the closing.

## War With Japan

### Review

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## Reunion in McGuire PX



Pfc. Norman Fellman, Capt. Donald E. Pence, Sgt. Charles Landells and Sgt. James E. Morton hold reunion in McGuire PX.

McGuire wards, corridors, Red Cross Hall and PX have seen many dramatic and touching reunions since the first overseas patients began arriving here more than a year ago.

Long separated husbands and wives met here for the first time since the husbands went overseas . . . mothers met the sons that they had feared they might never see again . . . overseas fathers met their new-born sons and daughters.

But probably the most dramatic reunions are those of comrades in arms who became separated in battle and then here at McGuire met again the guys they had seen felled by enemy fire.

For example, there were the "four musketeers" . . . It was dawn of New Year's Day, 1945, and Companies A and B of the 275th were lined up with the rest of their outfit in the attack on a small town on the German border near Strasbourg.

Sgt. Charles Landells, 25-year-old stove and furnace salesman from Kalamazoo, Mich., of Company B was at Battalion C. P., keeping close radio communications with his buddies on the line.

Pfc. Norman Fellman, 21-year-old Staunton Military Academy student from Norfolk, Company B scout, (Continued on Page 4)

## HIROHITO—"EXALTED GATE"



Mikado, the title by which the hereditary ruler of Japan is popularly known, when translated literally from the Japanese means "Exalted Gate" (according to Webster's 20th Century Dictionary). It was through this gate that one of the bloodiest and most macabre types of warfare ever known to mankind was launched upon a civilized world.

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MOVIES

Post Theater

Week of Friday, August 17. Show for patients at 8:15 p.m.; for duty personnel at 8:15 p.m.

FRIDAY—"On Stage Everybody," with Jack Oakie, Peggy Ryan

SATURDAY—"The Southerner," with Zachary Scott, Betty Field

SUNDAY & MONDAY—"Guest Wife," with Claudette Colbert, Don Ameche

TUESDAY—Double Feature—"The Gay Senorita," with Jinx Falkenberg, Steve Cochran—"Arsen Squad," with Frank Albertson, Robert Armstrong.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY—"George White's Scandals," with Jack Haley, Joan Davis.

FRIDAY—"The Hidden Eye," with Edward Arnold, Frances Rafferty.

Chapel Schedule

PROTESTANT

Sunday Service.....9:30 a.m.

CATHOLIC

August Schedule

Sunday Mass .....8:30, 11 a.m.

Confessions.....Before Mass

JEWISH

Friday Services.....6:45 p.m.

McGUIRE

On the Air

OPEN HOUSE AT McGUIRE

Saturday, 5:30-6 p.m. From WRVA

HEAR special music by the McGuire Band featuring songs by patient and duty personnel.

CORPORAL EDDIE WEAVER

Thursday, 3:45-4:00 pm. WRVA

HEAR organ melodies by McGuire's band leader. Featuring interviews with patients.

OKAY AMERICA

Tues., Aug. 28, 9:30-10 p.m. WRVA

HEAR AND SEE this all-patient show starring Joe Brown transcribed in Red Cross Hall. Show begins at 7 p.m.

Sgt.: "Did you have a good time on your date with the Siamese twins?"

Cpl.: "Well, yes and no."

the inquiring line

By LT. ART LAIBLY

Q. How can I get more information on buying certain "Surplus Property" items offered for sale to the general public by the government; I am particularly interested in buying a "Jeep."

A. By writing to the district office of the Smaller War Plans Corporation which controls sale of such property in your home area; the addresses of these offices may be obtained by contacting this office.

Q. Under what conditions does the veteran get preference in purchasing surplus property offered for sale by the government?

A. The veteran is given preference in the purchase of "Surplus Property" useful to establish or maintain his own small business, professional enterprise, or agricultural enterprise; this preference is restricted to veterans of this war, who have been discharged, or released under honorable conditions.

Q. How many campaigns were battle stars awarded for in France and Germany from "D" Day until the end of the war in Europe?

A. There were six separate campaigns recognized in France and Germany during the period 6 June 1944 to 11 May 1945; these include the Southern France Campaign.

For more information see Lt. Art Laibly AFG Liaison Office, A & D Bldg., or call Ext. 259.

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Bars and Stripes

TO STAFF SERGEANT

Sgt. Alice A. Andrews

TO TECHNICIAN FOURTH GRADE

T-5 Lenore I. Duling

TO TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE

Pvt. Nancy C. Davis

Pvt. Veronica E. Kirby

Pvt. Regina M. Plutnicki

Pvt. Evelyn F. Wiest

Pvt. Pearl M. Womble

LIBRARY NOTES

By Suzanne Connell

Among interesting new books recently received at your Library, J. Frank Dobie's **A Texan in England** is an excellent example of a book for summer reading.

It is an humorous account of a native Texan's sojourn in England. Mr. Dobie went to Cambridge University to replace Henry Steele Commager in the new professorship in American History at Cambridge. The author is well known for his knowledge of the folk legends of Texas and the old West; here he turns his talents to a new field and writes about people and places in England.

This book is an amusing and readable account of the impact made by England upon a native of the Lone Star State and, also, of the equally strong impact which he made upon England. **A Texan in England** differs from all of the numerous books about England just as Dobie himself is entirely original and different from any other author. He has his own natural style and viewpoint and he writes about academic England with as much ease as he wrote about cowboys of Texas.

Be sure to ready **A Texan in England** if you'd like to read a light, amusing book, dealing with an old and familiar subject and treating it in a new and original manner. The main interest in this book is its originality. It presents no new ideas, but it definitely treats old subjects in a new manner. It is a novel experience to find Dobie in a new setting and writing about different places and people. You'll be interested in seeing England and Cambridge from the viewpoint of a Texan and an authority on the folklore of the old West. So don't forget **A Texan in England** if you're looking for a different book.

Lonely Moloney

NEW YORK (CNS)—Mrs. Mary Moloney, 32, was lonely, so she turned in a false alarm. Said she: "I hope I get 90 days for this: then I'll have company." Next day she passed up the opportunity to make new friends and paid the fine.

Dead GI Returns

..Miami (CNS)—S-Sgt. Thomas E. McCall, 29, who won the Medal of Honor "posthumously," but can now wear it, is back in the States. He was captured in Italy after aiding 2 injured men under fire, and knocking out 3 enemy machine gun nests. Not knowing that he was alive, the WD gave his medal to his parents. Although McCall is eligible for discharge he is heading for the Pacific.

Gal: "Am I the first girl that you ever kissed?"

GI: "Now that you mention it, you look familiar."

GI SHAVINGS

BY

Pvt. Joe Q. McGuire

"Top of the morning to you!" Joe Q. wants to throw a few words at the subject—"McGuire before 0800." This is the process of getting from the sack to the ward, office, lab, truck, etc. And what a process!

It all starts at 0400. Then Ladzinski and Policastro hit the concrete and snap to their duties. Next—the waking of the cooks. It is the C. Q.'s privilege to wake each chef and they must always be called at just the right time. Guaneri at 0515; Enroine at 0530; Hoover at 0535; and so it goes.

The cook doing the bacon gets up 15 minutes earlier than the egg master. And so there is much activity around the cook's dwelling.

Now that the breakfast is started there is a momentary pause. This, however, is the lull before the storm. It is now 0545—time for reveille, yes we said reveille. (I. G. please note.)

The C. Q. romps through the barracks, spreading morning cheer... A few of the ward technicians, Paltrinieri, Bill Smith, and DePaolis have already hit the deck. Others are still dipping into that deep divine well of sleep... But now it's "Drop your dream, get on the beam."

Barracks sergeants are poked. Lucero starts his men through setting-up exercises. Hoffman yells "Up." Mulroe allows his men a little more sleep therapy. Kurland, sans enthusiasm, coaxes the horn blowers to reality.

Miletti asserts, "All right, you fellows know who is on latrine today. I'm not going to say another word but I expect this place in good shape by a quarter of eight." Morris allows his men to get up naturally.

Guy, stern and bold, is now on his way to breakfast. He has that, "It isn't my idea to get up at this hour" look in his eyes. Already a few

Wacs have trickled into the mess hall. There's nothing like the morning glamour these girls display. It's natural beauty, no makeup, no primping. But this is the beginning of a duty day—not the hour of charm. Varanko strolls into the chow line.

Now the men with over 85 points for discharge are up and ready to go. Archer says, "You fellows carry on for us." "Yes," says Fetterman, "we'll go home and get the civilians straightened out." Tanasoca says, "It's about time they free us," and every one is thoroughly rattled.

To Be Continued Next Week...

"All This—and Reville, Too"

"Sydney Greenstreet" Policastro is the man behind the man behind the detachment's morning chow. "It beats delivering papers," philosophizes Policastro.

Lest We Sleep Too Soundly

By MARY BELL

LEST WE SLEEP TOO SOUNDLY MORNINGS, now that a weight rolls off our minds in anticipation of peaceful days ahead, the PX, ever on its toes for services, sees to it that excuses for late arising don't roll off our tongues too glibly... We'll profit by adding to our list of "must" possessions a tiny Ebosa Alarm Clock. This imported Swiss mechanism, selling for \$3.85, is available in assorted colors.

PAJAMA NEWS: Men's cotton Jaysons in stripes and in floral patterns—\$2.45. . . . Silk ones, too, for men—Textons—at \$4.00. . . . The fairer sex will be lucky to get a chance at the few remaining pairs of ladies' cotton pajamas. They're expertly tailored and have full standard cut—attractively priced at \$1.90.

CRUTCH-EZE CUSHIONS are recommended for underarm protection. You pay 90 cents for a set of two. They are manufactured from synthetic rubber to fit all crutches.

FOR WOMEN ONLY: The Diana girdle deserves prompt attention. Made of rayon and cotton, it is equipped with the talon slide fastener, and the price is \$5.95. . . .

Note: Good Housekeeping vouches for it.

NOT FOR MEN EITHER: Distinctive stationery—London Embassy. . . Select this fine watermarked bond to heighten the charm of your letters. The box includes 48 folded sheets, 12 note sheets and 48 envelopes. Price, 75 cents.

SMART LITTLE NUMEBER: That safety watch strap—an expanding bracelet of genuine leather; can be adjusted to your size (65 cents).

FEELING JUBILANT? How about picking up a box of Schrafft's chocolates (in exchange for 90 cents)?—Choose the "Miniature Chocolates" or the "Exotic Package" to help you celebrate

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

YOU E.T.O. MEN WHO HAVE BEEN RE-ASSIGNED TO THE PACIFIC ARE VETERANS—AND YOU WANT NO CHICKEN FROM ME ON HOW TO FIGHT A WAR... HOWEVER,

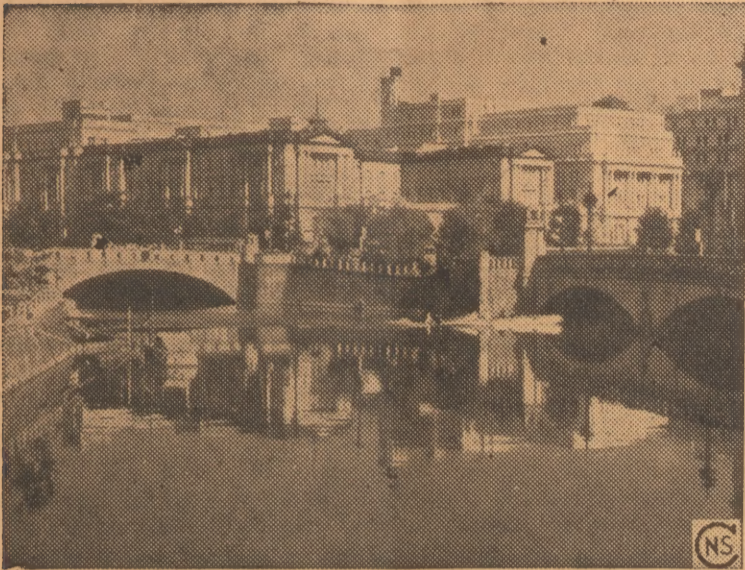
... EACH THEATRE HAS IT'S PECULIAR PROBLEMS... I DID A TOUR OUT THERE AND THE BOSS FIGURES I MIGHT GIVE YOU THE WORD ON SOME OF THE CHANGES THAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN YOUR S.O.P.

THAT IS CHANGE NUMBER ONE!

Can't Ship See Rations

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# The War With Japan



Rebuilt after the destructive earthquake of 1923, Tokyo became a modern city by western standards; with many concrete and steel buildings. Would they have withstood punishment from atomic bombs?



A superstitious people, Japs regard the fox as sacred; they built this huge idol in its likeness.



Farmer woman gather wheat. Jap women always have done hard physical labor in Japan.

## Atomic Bomb Ends Jap War

New York (CNS)—The atomic bomb—most deadly explosive ever devised for war—is the result of a million years of progress in the fearful art of making arms.

The idea behind the atomic bomb—a weapon which did shorten the war by months and save many American lives—is not new in theory. Scientists have understood the principles involved; what they had not worked out was the practical application. How they did it, of course, remains a secret, but the basic principles are available to anyone who can dope them out.

The history of armaments dates back into pre-historic times when men threw rocks at beasts, through the age when stone axes were used, when arrows were developed and catapults devised to hurl boulders at the foe.

For three months after Pearl Harbor, the Japs had their own way in the Pacific. On December 7, the Japs had hit not only Pearl Harbor, but also Guam, The Philippines, Wake Island and Midway. All save Midway eventually fell to the foe.

And by February, 1942, Japan ruled the Pacific and was casting eyes at Australia and India.

Driven from the Philippines after heroic resistance on Bataan and Corregidor, the U. S. Army—under Gen. MacArthur—established headquarters of the Southwest Pacific Theatre at Australia, and began girding for the long road back.

Our start was modest. While arming our right hand for a great blow at Germany in North Africa, we parried with our left at the Jap. On January 31, 1942, we staged a hit and run attack on the Jap-held islands in the Marshalls and Gilberts.

Other Jap bases were, in their turn, given attention by the U. S. Navy. And on April 18, Tokyo itself was raided by carrier-based aircraft under the command of Lt.-Gen. (then Lt.-Col.) Jimmy Doolittle, the first of numberless raids which were destined to lay waste the great cities of Japan.

**SIX BIG ACTIONS**

Later in the year, the mounting strength of our forces became evident in six big actions . . .

Battle of the Coral Sea, May 4-8.

Battle of Midway, June 3-6.

Invasion of Guadalcanal, Aug. 7.

Establishment of air bases in the Andreanofs.

The halting of the Jap offensive against Port Moresby in New Guinea, and our counterattacks through the mountain jungles of the Owen Stanley Mountains against Buna and Gona.

Battle of Savo Island (Aug. 8-9) and other naval actions which resulted in heavy losses to the Jap fleet.

By the beginning of 1943, the initial advantage the Japs had gained from the surprise attack, advance preparations and concentration of force had begun to level off. The United Nations—although still fighting with but one hand—now began

The famed Greek historian Thucydides recalls the first use of poison gas in comparatively modern times in the battle of Plataea in 428 BC. Catapults, hurling rocks and flames, antedated gas, however, by many centuries.

Gunpowder was developed by the Chinese in 1232 and put into practical use by Sir Frances Bacon, the Briton, somewhat later.

The torpedo began as an explosive charge as set by the patriots against the sides of British ships in 1777. In 1864 came the torpedo driven by compressed air and a few years earlier, the first iron-sided warship—Ericsson's famed "cheese box on a raft," the Monitor.

CNS—This story—the grimdest ever told—began Dec. 7, 1941, while Jap envoys were closeted with the American Secretary of State in Washington. At 7:55 a. m. Honolulu time (1:30 p. m., U. S. EWT) planes from the land of the Rising Sun swept over Pearl Harbor, Schofield Barracks and Hickham Field in Hawaii, blasting the U. S. into a war which the rest of the world was already embroiled.

We, like Britain, China, the USSR, and the governments-in-exile, had become engaged in the struggle for survival.

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### AFTERMATH

#### The U. S. Declaration of War upon Japan, December 8, 1941.

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The Declaration of War upon the U. S. by Japan's allies—Germany and Italy—and the U. S. Declaration of War upon them on December 11, 1941.

to pour more men and materiel into the Pacific for a limited counter-offensive. We were beating the Germans and holding the Japs.

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### THE ROAD BACK

Guadalcanal retaken Jan. 10, '43. Bougainville invaded, Oct. 25. Landings on Makin and Tarawa, November. CBI's Ledo Road under construction. British drive Japs out of Burma. Chinese free Foochow. American Navy and Australian units crush Jap fleet and open gates to the Philippines. Saipan and Guam retaken, Philippines, Iwo Jima and Okinawa invaded.

From the air our B-29's blasted the Jap home islands and reduced the home cities to flame, rubble and dust. Our fleet invaded the Jap home waters, blasted the homeland with sea-going artillery, unleashed planes to wreak further havoc.

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### JAP SUICIDE PLANES

Stripped of her sea and air power, the Japs came back with the weirdest, most macabre weapon of the war—Kamikaze. Suicide Jap planes dove with maniacal fury at the decks of our ships in a desperate, frenzied attempt to match the sting of a bee against the thundering power of a stampeding herd of elephants.

The battle of Okinawa was marked by two major events—halfway through it President Roosevelt died, and 4 weeks later Germany surrendered.

Then Okinawa fell, and the most deadly weapon of all times was used against Japan—the atomic bomb. The first atomic bomb fell on the Jap city of Hiroshima and left only dust and death behind.

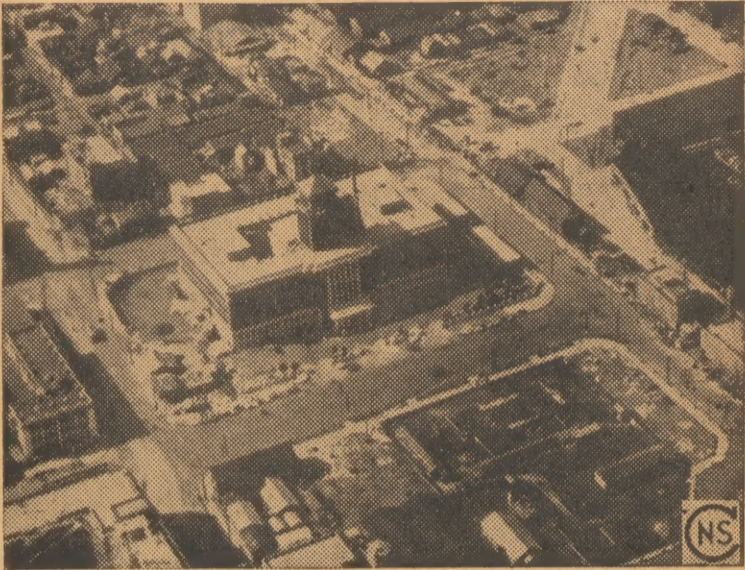
The bomb was used again on Nagasaki and once more left ruin in its wake.

Use of the atom bomb and the entrance of Russia into the war against her were the final blows that broke Japan.

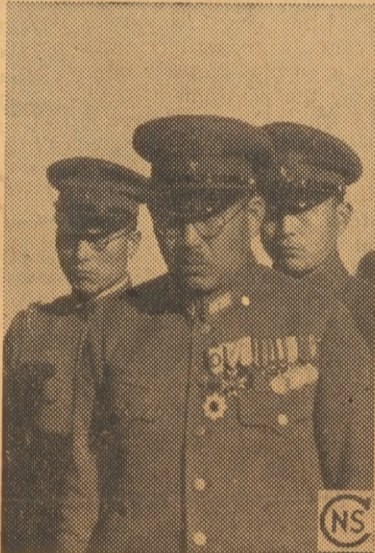
The rocket, outgrowth of the catapult, was used first by the British against a French ship at Boulogne in 1806. The rocket fell into disuse until World War II when it was redeveloped by the Germans whose V-1 and V-2 fire laid destruction over England.

The American bazooka, the Jap Baka bomb and the airborne rockets of American and British bombers and fighters are other forms of rocket fire used in this war.

**RYUKYU ISLANDS (CNS)**—The last thing marines landing on an island here expected to see was what they saw first—a sign saying: "Welcome Americans." A native who spent 22 years in Honolulu put it there.



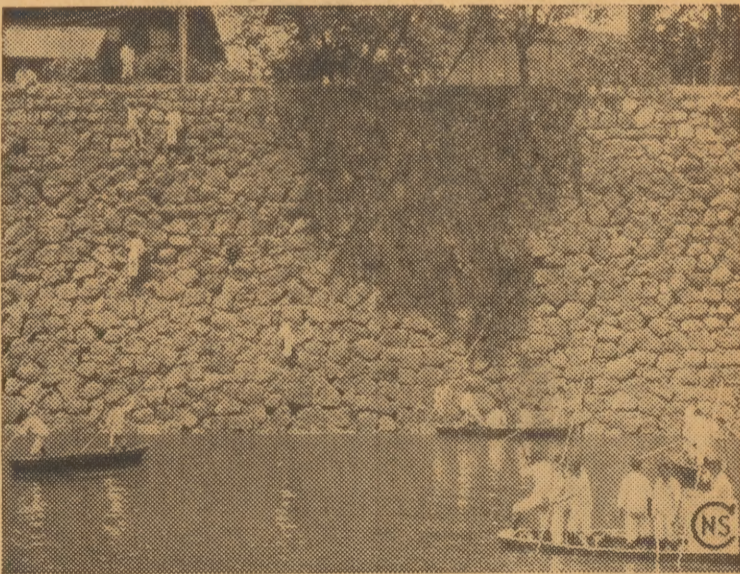
Yokohama, Nippon's leading seaport, is an important manufacturing center. Yokohama, Tokyo, Kawasaki, and some smaller places would have constituted a large metropolitan target for our B-29 bombs.



The face of the enemy. Officers shown near the broadcasting stand at the Imperial Palace.



Jap, protected by helmet and armor-like clothing, learns "kenjutsu," the art of handling a sword.



The Japanese, who worship their god-emperor, bow when they pass his palace and wear tall silk hats when they fish in his pool. They consider it a high honor and privilege to clean the moat that surrounds the palace of the emperor. This moat (shown above) has protected the emperor's palace from our B-29 incendiary bomb attacks.

## First University Center Opens to ETO Servicemen

**Europe (CNS)**—The first University Center, part of the Army's vast educational program for troops overseas, opened at the University of Florence with an enrollment of 1320 enlisted men and women, and officers.

Meanwhile, 800 GIs are taking courses at the Sorbonne, the great French university in Paris.

This marks the beginning of a broad program for soldiers to pick up the threads of their civilian interests and studies while awaiting

shipment home, redeployment, and engaging in other duties.

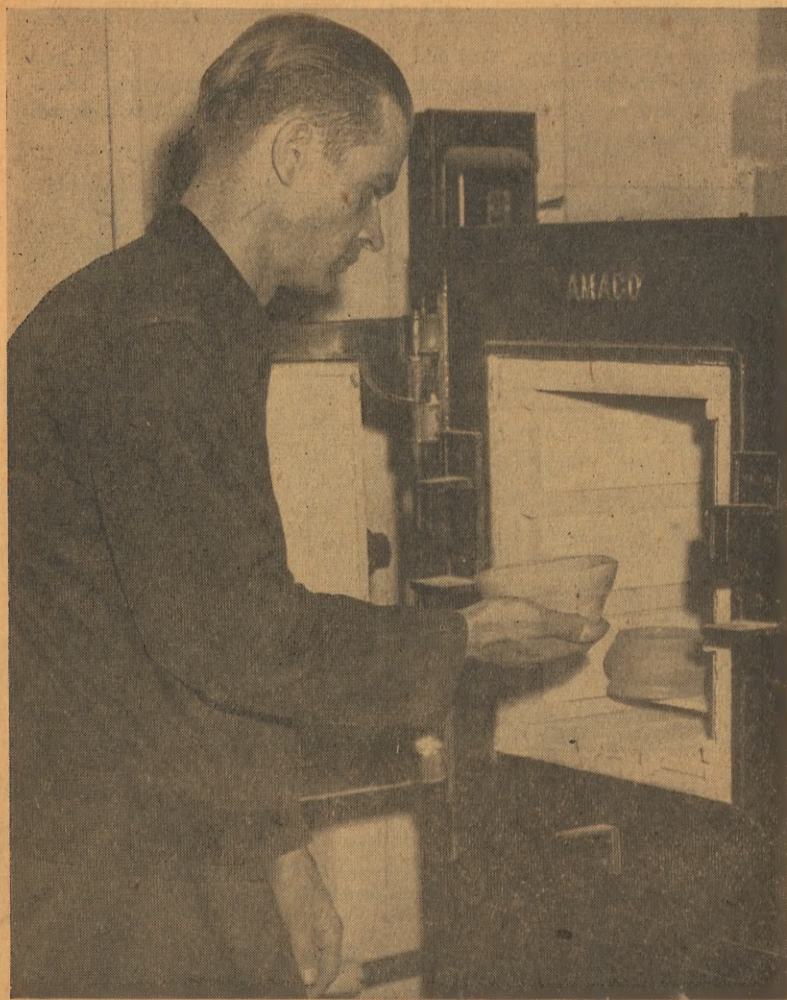
Most popular courses at Florence, where there is a faculty of 93 officers and men, including both Negro and white instructors, are business administration, social science, languages, English, journalism and mathematics.

Students must take 3 courses and an hour of PT daily for a full 6-day week. They have no military duties except a daily retreat formation. Participation is voluntary.

## Pottery Wheel and Kiln



McGuire patients are enthusiastic about the new classes in pottery making now offered by Reconditioning Service. Picture above—Miss Elsie Remont of Moylan-Rose Valley, Pa., instructs McGuire patient Sgt. Joseph Walczak of Shamokin, Pa., in the intricacies of proper turning of the pottery wheel.



Sgt. Walczak, who served in the Pacific Theatre, places his finished piece of pottery in the electric kiln to be baked.

## BENCH BURPS

By 1ST SGT. BILL ALLISON

American soldiers, who imagined their Commando training was the last word in mayhem, learned differently when they were invited to participate in Iceland's ancient pastime, known as "glima."—As one correspondent puts it, it is a combination of weight lifting, wrestling, and high jumping. . . . Wrestlers wear belts, hold on to each other, and, at the referee's whistle, attempt to toss the adversary into the next county. The referee, wisely, remains in his corner and when a fall is registered blows his whistle, the combatants shake hands, if they still have them, and that's all.

Frankie Kovacs, the Dizzy Dean of tennis, has decided he isn't destined for a ring career. In his first bout at an army amateur show, Pvt. Kovacs hit the canvas for the count in the second round. Kovacs, however, has cleaned up everything in sight in tennis matches in the army.

No horse breaking from the No. 9 position ever won the Kentucky Derby. One of the reasons is that of the 69 Derbies only 36 had nine or more starters. The lucky post positions are 1, 4, and 5. . . . Each had seven winners until Pensive won the 1944 Derby running from No. 5.

The National Football league in the last six years has made some 175 changes in its playing code and Hugh (Shorty) Ray, the league's technical adviser, whose zeal would put a turf clocker to shame, wonders if the average fan could name half a dozen of the lot.

For quite some time I had admired her as she tripped down our corridor, and finally the great day arrived. I met her at 8, wearing my best bib and tucker, and away we went in a cloud of rose petals. Dinner at one night club, a few drinks at another, a show at the swankiest spot of all. I tell you it was glorious. Then came a nightcap at our final spot—and in HE walked, his dress uniform arrayed with medals. Being a partiotic soul at heart, I asked him to have a drink with us. That, my friend, was my Waterloo. I didn't mind his stealing my girl, but when he looked at me and asked whether or not he could take my "daughter" out, that was the straw that broke my GI back.

## Moore Musings

By Cpl. Thomas Moore,  
Patient in Ward 53

NURSE: "We have a soldier with a case of beri-beri over here, . . . what shall I do about it?"

GI: "Send it over to Ward 52. Them boys will drink anything."

NURSE: "Did you take a shower this morning?"

PRIVATE: "No. . . . Is there one missing?"

Two little birds sitting in a tree  
Just then a man passed by,  
One little bird said to the other  
little bird,  
SHOULD I?

GI "Do you believe in free love?"  
Gal: "I haven't sent you a bill, have I?"

## Former Softball Champion Patient in Ward Nine

Richmond's Bill Harlow was an outstanding softball champ back in '38, '39, and '40 when he pitched his duPont team up front for the State Industrial League play-offs. And in '41, champ Harlow pitched his team into top place and the duPont boys walked off with the coveted State championship that year.

That was just a few short weeks before Pearl Harbor. . . . Bill was still a champion when he became a medical technician 4th grade and went overseas in February of '44 to serve with the 95th General hospital in Bar le Duc.

Only this time T-4 Harlow was pitching against a really vicious team—death, infection, shock, and time, and all the other evils that gang up on a guy struck down in battle.

And there was no time out for the casualties were coming in so fast that Bill and the other medics were on the job in sixteen to eighteen hour stretches for many long weeks.

For more than four months after the "break through", Bill stayed in there and pitched. An old back injury which he had picked up in civilian life began to give him a lot of trouble, but casualties were coming in too fast from the battle fronts so Bill didn't have time for sick call.

Then on May 18th, the pain became so severe that Bill was hospitalized in his own hospital and later shipped back to the States. He arrived at McGuire early in June and has been a patient here since then.

Harlow has been playing softball since he joined the duPont team in '35 when it became a member of the State Industrial League, and also pitched for Clopton Street Baptist during '38 and '39 when that team placed so high in the Sunday School League. His 95th General overseas softball team that played once in a while when they happened to get a day off, was a great favorite with the patients there.

## Reunion

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was with the boys fighting on the line.

Sgt. James E. Morton, 22-year-old railway mail clerk of Pittsburgh, Pa., was assistant squad leader with Company A, and his rifle squad gave a good account of themselves throughout the hottest fighting.

Capt. Donald C. Pence, 23-year-old Texan, graduate of West Point—Class of '43—was assigned to the 275th three months after his graduation.

But let Sgt. Landells pick up the story here. . . . "By January 6th, B Company was completely out of communications with us and it was not until they managed to get a five-man patrol through to us that we knew what had happened. . . . They had been completely surrounded and cut off by the Krauts, and by the time we could get help to them they had been carried off as German prisoners—that is, what was left of them.

"Only 28 of our Company were left—no officers, only non-coms and EMs of the Hqrs Platoon, and our supply sergeant, who was highest ranker, became our acting CO until our company was reorganized late in January and Captain Pence became our CO. That's when Morton of A Company joined Company B as we had to draw on them for non-coms.

"Company B really saw some action after that. I was with Capt. Pence that time he was wounded. . . . he had taken 30 of us out to make a surprise rush to help another company that was pinned down by Jerry fire. The Captain was leading us—that guy isn't afraid of anything. . . . even after he was wounded he kept on going until we accomplished our mission. He was carried off to a dressing station after that and I them they had been carried off as along. I often used to think of Fellman and the others that were taken prisoner and wonder if I'd ever see any of them again.

"I fought on with the outfit until wounded on February 23rd—a Kraut automatic rifle took off my left arm just below the shoulder. I arrived at McGuire on April 13th. A few days after that I was in the PX soda fountain, and much to my amazement, I saw Captain Pence there. We tried to dope out what had happened to the other fellows of our Company B. I brought him up to date on a few things and he did the same for me. He told me that he, too, arrived at McGuire on April 13th.

"Morton arrived at McGuire on May 20th. . . . He had been shot through the head by a Jerry sniper when out on special patrol to locate a battalion observer officer.

"As soon as I arrived at McGuire I telephoned my home and learned that I was a father. . . . my son was just one-half hour old," said Morton. "I was in a wheel chair at the time and was wishing I could jump

## Battle Jackets Are Now GI?

As a means of carrying forward its wool conservation program, the Quartermaster Corps has a plan whereby regular Army blouses will be converted into battle jackets, the latter to be distributed to enlisted personnel on this side of the Atlantic for the first time, according to the Army-Navy Journal.

Also under consideration is a proposal to authorize the wear of battle jackets by Wacs, some believing that the new type jacket will give the Women's Army Corps a more "snappy" appearance.

Heretofore the battle jacket has only been issued abroad. When issuance was made enlisted personnel were required to turn in their old blouses. Thus, between 1,500,000 and 2,000,000 blouses became excess. Contracts have already been let for the production of 100,000 converted battle packets which will be ready for issue this fall in the United States.

It is likely that they may be put on sale at PX's and thus made available to officers who wish to purchase them.

Aside from the conservation phase of the program the Quartermaster Corps is of the opinion that the battle jacket has proved itself to be a utility garment under actual wartime conditions.

Sign in the latrine:

"Rumors emanating from here are not necessarily the opinions of the latrine orderly."

up and yell because I was so happy. My legs were both paralyzed as a result of my wound. I was blind for a while, too, and my speech was defective, but that is all cleared up now. My legs move a little better now, and some day I shall be able to walk down the corridor side by side with my son.

"I was in the Red Cross hall one night and met Capt. Pence. . . . I knew him right away, even though I had been with him only about two weeks before he was wounded. He told me about the other boys and the next day Landells came in to see me."

Fellman was a German prisoner from the time he was captured with the rest of Company B until he was liberated on Hitler's birthday (April 20). Fellman said, "I was very weak and about 83 pounds underweight when I arrived at McGuire on May 29th. My father came into see me and he learned that Capt. Pence was a patient here and went over to see him. Capt. Pence told Landells I was here and he came over on the double to see me."

"We made a date to meet in the PX fountain just as soon as I could get out of bed."

## Watermelon-choly Thing it Was

By Pfc. Howard Jones Patient in Ward 22

Ward 22 was the scene of a watermelon eating contest last Tuesday afternoon, when Lt. William A. Morton's boast that he could eat one large melon in one hour caught up with him.

The melon was cut in quarters and the looey got off to a flying start that downed that quarter in record time.

The second quarter was polished off five minutes ahead of schedule. By this time the patients were lined up evenly, pro and con, on the question of what constituted edible parts of the melon, and the lieutenant was thankfully "forced" to take time out while the rules committee decided the point.

Morton showed signs of strain

during the third quarter, but finished the lap just within the time limit. He bogged down badly in the fourth quarter, and slow-timed in to the home stretch as an "also ran."

"I could have done it if I had had another five minutes," the looey claimed later when able to talk. "It was the clock that beat me."